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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I recently lived in a rural area on Sonoma Mountain. Though it was only 15 minutes to Santa Rosa, the only option for internet (other than satellite which was spotty and slower than dialup) was broadband internet beamed from the other side of the valley. Sonic was able to provide a quality service that no one else offered.

At my workplace, Comcast has not been reliable as promised. We ended up getting a secondary back-up internet service through Sonic that's dsl, because we can't afford to have our business shut down due to internet issues. It's important to be able to keep smaller, independent ISPs in the market, as they provide specialized services that the big ISPs don't offer.

Sincerely,

Kelly Brown